

Westwood Elementary Newsletter

2016-2017

Mr. Jay Lutt, Superintendent & Preschool - 3rd Grade Principal

Mr. Matt Drees 4th - 12th Grade Principal



February

Monday's we have a 9:15 a.m. start!

Kindergartners celebrate 100 Days of School!

On **Thursday, January 26th** we will celebrate Day 100! We will listen to stories about Day 100, count to 100, write 100 words, write numbers to 100, dress as if we are 100, and eat 100 treats. This will surely be a memorable day!!

Iowa Assessments – *ongoing* February 1st, 2nd & 3rd

Please help your child do their best by getting plenty of rest and eating a healthy breakfast each morning!

Mid-Terms

Mid-terms will be emailed on Wednesday, February 1st, for 4th - 6th graders. If we don't have your email address, they will be mailed home. You may contact us to add your email information to receive grades via email.

Valentine's Parties

Tuesday, February 14th, will be the **Valentine's Parties** during the last hour of the day. If your child is on a committee, their teacher will send a note letting them know what they would need to furnish.

Vision Screenings

Sgt. Bluff eye care will be here Feb. 15th to do vision screens on the second grade class. 3rd graders are required to have a vision screen for entry into class. This will qualify as their vision screening for the 3rd grade. This is a **FREE** screening. KidSight is also scheduled to come and do vision screens for the pre-k kids. This is also a **FREE** screening. A date has not been set as of now, letters will be sent home when a date is set.

NWAEA – Hearing Tests February 16th, 17th & 21st

No School Monday, February 20th

Professional Development

Sing Into Spring Concert Thursday, February 23rd

The 6th Dimension Show Choir will be performing at the 6-12 **Sing Into Spring Concert @ 7:00 P.M.** *The 6th graders involved in the 6th Dimension are the only 6th graders that need to attend this concert.* The group will be wearing jeans and their 6th Dimension t-shirts.

Breakfast

On days when we have late starts due to weather, cereal will be served for breakfast.

AR December 2016

December readers earned 2,044 points! 31 students joined our 25 point club, 13 the 50 point club and 4 joined our 100 point club: Isabelle Carroll, Cael Matthias, Cali Granato and Addy Johnson congratulations! They earned a pizza lunch with Mr. Drees at **B &R's Pizza Post in Sloan**. 2 students, Lawson Haveman and Cael Matthias made the 150 point club in December. Our top readers are 3rd place: Lawson Haveman, 2nd place: Jackson Dewald and 1st place: Logan Bata. To earn the End-of-the-Year Party, students need to make their classroom goal of 5 of the 8 months. Keep reading!

Class Placement

It is the time of year at school when we start working on the details of 2017-18 school year. You might have started thinking about it as well. The important thing to remember is that requests after the last day in March will not be accepted.

CLASS PLACEMENT POLICY: When creating class rosters, we strive to make sure that students are placed in a setting that will best meet their needs both academically and socially. Many factors such as academic levels, behaviors, teacher recommendation etc. are considered when forming the list.

We consider parent requests for placement in all grades with the exception of kindergarten. **We do not accept requests for kindergarten** due to the lack of social and academic history. Kindergarten rosters are made based on information gathered during kindergarten testing and kindergarten round up.

Requests must be made in writing stating the desired placement. Be sure to include student/teacher names, parent signature, date of request, and phone number. Requests must be delivered to the elementary principal or the elementary office, by the last day of March of the current school year. The school retains the right to make all decisions on final placement of students.

Recess

Remember: Our policy for going outside at recess is if it's **above ten degrees**, factoring in wind chill, **we will go outside**. **Please be sure your child is dressed to go outside; warm clothing is a must for them to be on our buses and playground.**

Kindergarten Round Up!

Kindergarten Round Up is set for **Monday, March 13th** at 6:30 p.m. in the high school vocal music room. **Packets will be sent home in February with our currently enrolled preschoolers** with more detailed information. If you have a child that did not attend our preschool and will be 5 by September 15th, 2017 contact us so we can get that information to you. Our office number is 712-428-3200 ext. 303.

Preschool Registration 2017-18

We are developing the preschool list for the 2017-18 school year. **Preschool** students must be 4 on or before September 15, 2017. Our meeting will be **Tuesday, March 14th**, at 6:30 p.m. in the high school vocal room. You may pick up an informational packet by either attending the meeting, ask for a packet to be sent home with an older child in school, stopping by or calling the elementary office at 712-428-3200, ext. 303. **Packets will be ready in February**. The content of this meeting is targeted towards parent information; your child does not need to attend.



TeamMates School-Based Mentoring

Every young person deserves to have someone to turn to. The mission of the TeamMates Mentoring Program is to impact the world by inspiring youth to reach their full potential. The Westwood Community is looking for adults who want to be a Mentor for a youth. Mentors are NOT tutors, counselors, nor are they there to "fix" anything—they're there to be friends. Mentors meet with their Mentee one time per week for 20-30 minutes during the school day. Activity ideas for the Mentor/Mentee could be playing board games/cards, making a craft, baking, eating lunch, reading, etc.

When you mentor a child, you give them confidence, inspire positive choices and create hope for a better future. And all it takes is a little of your time.

For questions about the TeamMates Mentoring Program, please contact Taylor Wurth at twurth@wcsdrebels.com or call 712-428-3355. Apply to be a mentor today at TeamMates.org

Give Kids a Smile

Dona W. Prince, DDS is providing **FREE** needed dental services to children with limited or no access to dental care. This event is part of the national Give Kids a Smile National Children's Access Day founded by the American Dental Association. **Who:** Children ages 1 year to 18 years old. **When:** Friday, Feb. 3, 2017 starting at 8 a.m. **Where:** Dona W. Prince DDS, MAGD 4220 Sergeant Road Sioux City, IA. **What:** **FREE** dental exam, cleaning, x-rays and fluoride. Please call 712-274-2228 for an appointment.

Bus Changes

Please do not request a bus change after 3:00 p.m.



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